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Let me say that I wonder where we are going. We've got bills that tell you what you can read. And why you can't read them because people don't agree with that kind of a stimulation. Now we're telling people where they can smoke. We always talk about this as a great free democracy, but the intent is to force upon people those things that they have a right to do it they want to. Now nobody hates a cigar anymore than I do. Because I can sit by my friend here, and I'm close enough to him which I'm not, I'll get a headache in about two minutes. Because I get a headache, he doesn't complain because I give him a headache, by words. Now I think this..you were getting to apoint where people are trying to make too many people do too many things that they want to do because some few people don't want them to do it. I think we ought to count ten. Now I understand why Senator Marsh wants it..this bill. She's that kind of a person. She's a good person and she wants to build everybody probably to some extent to her own image. That's difficult to do. And I can't conform to it. But I think we are going too far in getting our nose in too many people's things and their activities. We've got a pornography bill for example that you can put anybody in jail that looks like he is being stimulated or wants to be stimulated. And obviously I'm opposed to that, because I'm one who needs stimulation.

PRESIDENT: The Chair wishes to

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First of all, Mr. President, I'd like to say a couple things, it's a real pleasure to sit beside Senator Chambers and behind Senator Carpenter, there always is action and I seldom have to say anything. But Senator Chambers and I certainly have disagreed on a number of issues and I've offered him a quality cigar from time to time to settle his nerves, of which he has refused. Now there are those who have indicated that the purpose of putting the amendment on, and why I rise to oppose the Carpenter amendment was to kill the bill. That is not true. And if you want to make the policy you know that it's this harmful, there's a \$100.00 fine for littering the highway for throwing out a beer can. Which under unusual circumstances doesn't endanger life. Now if you really think that this is a thing that is necessary, let's don't do it like selling cigarettes to 18 year olds that is never enforced. Let's really say that this is a policy of this state and we intend to get tough about it, whether you are smoking in a hospital and elevator or what ever, and it ought to be enforced and when it's enforced it ought to be a tough bill. So I would oppose the Carpenter amendment. Because really what you are doing is probably putting another bill on the books to pacify those who want it, and they are never going to enforce it, and when they do it's going to be twenty five bucks. Let's make it really tough if you smoke in an elevator. Let's make it really tough if you smoke in a hospital. Let's make it really tough if you smoke on a bus. Put the fine there. And again I emphazise, if you put a tough fine on a bill I'll vote for the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, and then Senator Kelly, and then Senator Proud and then Senator Carpenter. Senator Carpenter has asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. Are there any objections? If not so ordered.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President this leaves the Frank Lewis amendment.